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**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions for a three-month extension, a petition pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) and authorization to charge the requisite fee being enclosed.

In response to the Office Action dated July 30, 2002, please amend the subject application as follows:

Any fee due as a result of this paper, not covered by an enclosed check, may be charged on Deposit Acct. No. 50-1290.

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